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"While I was preparing matches, tapers, and some other necessaries, on the morn-

lug I had devoted to the investigation, quick knock came at the door. I opened t, half fearing my ghostly friend, the image of the picture, would stand before me. But no. In his place was a stout, raddy, hale old man-the proprietor of the place, who had come to see how I ked my new quarters. I welcomed him He was a stern, matter-of-fact, practical old fellow. In his presence I could be calm and quiet and cool. There was nothing about him to bewilder and mystify me; but much to make me more ike myself than I had been for days before.

"I told him what I was about to do. He eyed me shrewdly, took up a basket and shovel near him, and opened the door of the cellar. I knew, then, by his manner, that it was not all fancy, that there was some actual foundation for the sounds I had heard.

"We went down the dark and crumb-"We went down the dark and crumbling stairs. The faint gleam of the taper
failed to light the gloomy cavern in which
we found ourselves, and we sat down, at
the foot of the steps, till our eyes became
accustomed to the faint light.

"You have heard something here that
sends you down on this search, I take it,'
said Mr. Moorhouse, as he poked the
moist earth up with his cane.
"These. And something which I do
not intend to hear again, unless I know
the reason of it.'
"A low muffled knock came on the wall

the reason of it."
"A low muffled knock came on the wall
beside us, as I spoke.
"Lord save us. Is that it?" exclaimed

Moorhouse, starting.
"Something like it, I believe.'
"We sat in silence for a time, but nothing more came.
"Who used to live here, long ago?" I

"'My lad, I'll not deceive thee. Years ago, when I was but a boy, the house was tenanted by Morelli—Antoine Morelli—who was hung at last, and rightly he deserved it! He was a queer knave, and used to potrer by the hour over a kind of kettle, thinking he was going to find gold at the bottom. At last he murdered a man here, in this very house—don't start so, man, was tried, condemned, hung, and lies buried on t'other side of the fence, onder the stone cross. Now you have the rettle, thinking he was going to find gold horse. at the bottom. At last he murdered a man here, in this very house—don't start so, man,—was tried, condemned, hung, face of Antoine Morelli was watching me and lies buried on Yother side of the fence, ander the stone crots. Now you have the whole story.

"Not quite.' I apawered, turning sick "Not quite.' I apawered, turning sick to the window."

CONSTIPATION.

"'Lad! Lad!' ejaculated the old farmer, growing still paler, 'you are describing with my trembling hands, nor did strength what was in the old tomb thirty years ago. But it has never been there since. I have seen it empty with my own ayes, and the door was nailed fast to the rock,' "It is strange how often, when we are hearing a frightful story, some chance word may startle us, even when the tale has failed to do so. What he said about the number of the struck a cold chill to my very that a dead man's eyes might look upon heart. Why use Pills made by unnown Quacks, when you can get those that have been used all over the United States, made by so well known a Physician

"'Describe him.'

"'Go and look at the head which is painted on the wall in the room above us.'

"'Does it look like him?'

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"'Then you have seen him,' he said, with startling emphasis, 'for he painted it himself before he died. And do you know,' he added, sinking his voice into a low whisper, 'time and again we have tried to wash the painted image off, but it sticks like blood, and will have to stay a bottle of Dr. Rull's Count Syrup. if you LAUGHLIN BROS.' DRUG CO., sticks like blood, and will have to stay a bottle of Dr. Eull's Go there till the end of time unless some want to cure your cold. thing stronger than soap and sand is dis-

"'But why doeg he not rest, now he is in his grave?' I saked.
"'Satan only knows. It may be though —' Moorhouse mused a moment and then turned and faped ma. 'My lad, I have heard it said that more than one murder has been committed here by him. In the darkest corner of the cellar yonder I have seen a pile of egith that does not look just right. Shall we see what is there?"
"'I will go with you.' I apswered. Only

there?"
"I will go with you,' I answered. Only
a lew nights before I had followed a dead
man into a tomb—I was not likely to fail
a living one now.
"As we set foot in the corner, the low,
ominous knowling, which I had so often

heard while sitting up stairs, commenced on all sides of us, but we would not turn

on all sides of us, but we would not turn back.

"Through my life I have feared neither man nor devil, said Moorhouse, stontly, and I shall not be said that I fled now."

"He stack the spade late the earth. A hollow groan echoed through the cellar, and he started back.

"I thought just then I had cut into a man's heart," he said, in a frembling voice. 'Did I tell you that Morelli was buried with a stake through his?"

"No, but I guessed as much. Give me the spade."

"I snatched it from him, thrust the lamp into his hand, and setting my teeth, labored with desperate energy, Sights and sounds were not wanting around us, then all would be dark as night, but for the starry flame of our lamp. We could hear a sigh, a mocking length, or a strain of sweet and sad music close beside us, but we took no notice. With might and main I labored on, till the aweat stood in great drops on my forehead." n great drops on my forehead.

in great drops on my forehead.

"Suddenly my spade struck upon something hard, and we both bent eagerly down to look, A square box, imbedded resort to it becomes see had firm hold, it came up easily and lightly. We placed the lamp upon it, and sweet, you leaving the spade behind us, went toward the stairs. A cold wind rushed through the place, as we feasched their foot, and extinguished the lamp. At the same time, I was conscious of some invisible thing pressing sgaingt the box, and trying to

I was conscious of some invisible thing pressing against the box, and trying to force us, and it back again.

"'Don't yield, now,' I cried to Moorhouse, who was breathing hard and heavily. 'We must go on now.

"You're right, my lad; go on,' he answered, sturdily, and I am afraid I heard him awearing in his perplexity:

"We pushed our way by main strength, go through the darkness to the head of the stairs. When the door flaw open and the broad light of day shone in upon us, that attange resistance ceased of a sudden, and we bore our burden into the other room, without any further opposition.

"Thank God, 'said Moorhouse, sink-ing into my easy chair, and fanning him-

solf. 'I never expected to get through with that alive. Lad, we have been fight-ing with the flenon this morning, I believe. Pour me out a glass of wine from yondar decanter, before we try to open

this box.'
"I did as I was desired, and quaffed a

"India at was desired, and quaded a generous bumper myself. Indeed, we both needed it after our fright and peril.
"'Now, I am stronger,' was his next remark. 'Give mean axe.'
"I brought him one. He poised it in his hand, glanced once at the Italian's nieture, and brought it down with a heavy." pleture, and brought it down with a beavy blow that broke the lid of the box into

"I caught no glimpse of the body of a man, but when the axe touched it, it crumbled into dust and was nothing. Only some mouldering bones, a trees or two of dark brown hair, and the blade of a degree required to the blade of a dagger remained to tell one who had been burried by violence into an untimely

hurried by violence into an untimely grave.

"Close the box again and we will bury bim," caid Moorliouse after he had looked at him a moment.

"The lid was split and hacked in all directions, but I found another in a little shed beyond the barn and we nalled it down securely over the last witness of Antoine Morell's crime. Lifting the box we found a shady place just beside the door. We dug a grave and laid him there, and a wild rose bush growing near, we transplanted and trained to cover his last home with grace and beauty.

"This sad duty done, we knew that we could no longer remain there. Moorhouse

"This sad duly done, we allow the could no longer remain there. Moorhouse belped me bring out the few articles of furniture I had hired of him and put them outside the gate, till he could send for furniture I had bired of him and put them outside the gate, till he could send for them. I took a last look at the rooms where I had hoped to dwell for many days; I scanned the dark face of the murderer for the last time, and then we came out and locked the cottage door behind us. I brought my horse around and fastened him beside the gate.

"Moorhouse went with me and stood by "Morelli's grave.
"'It is to be hoped he will rest now,' he said, emphatically. 'Butyou, lad. Whither will you wend? Why not come and stay a while with me? My house is large enough to hold another. You had best

come.'
"I shook my head.
"No, I mus: be alone. I shell find a
place yet, I believe, where man has done
no violence.'
"'And we part here—forever?'
"'I smyssage.'

"I suppose so.'
"Your way lies over the mountains?"
"Yes.'

"Your way lies over the mountains a sked at list.
"One Bothwell, I believe."
"And before him?"
"Moorhouse-heeltated a moment, and then answered, frankly:
"My lad, I'll not deceive thee. Years when I was but a boy, the house was "God-bye, sir."
"We shook hands warmly, he [patted]

and lies buried on Vother side of the fence, ander the stone cross. Now you have the whole story.

"Not quite,' I answered, turning sick and faint. 'He walks.'

"A deep, sepulctural voice seemed to scho the words, at my elbow, and Mr. Moerhouse fairly bounded in his seat.

"Did you hear that, lad? I believe in my very soul he is here, close beside me, at this very moment.'

"I could see better, now, and the old man's ruddy face had grown white. 'Moorhouse,' I said, camly,' I shall never stay another night in this house. Yet, we won't be frightened away from this just yet.'

"No, we won't,' and summoning his American courage to his aid, he wiped his forehead with his handkerchief and plantich his feet deggedly rganst the step on which we were sitting.

"The other night,' I continued, 'if ever I saw living man, I saw Antoine Morelliand conversed with him, too.'

"Eh? What?"

"He came from an old tomb up on the hilleide,— I followed him into it, and there were his crucible, his books, his divining rod.'

"Lad! Lad!' ejaculated the old farmer, growing still paler,' you are describing what was in the old tooth thirty years ago. But it has never been there since.

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heart.

"Nevertheless," I persisted, 'I saw it
all on that night. And the mad who was
with me opened and shut that heavy
door as if it had been a wicker gate.'

"Describe him."

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"Does it look like him?"

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"The stone cross rose, dark and gloomy
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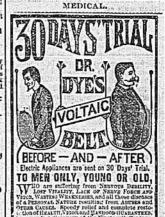


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